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SUBJECT: ESTONIA TO ANNOUNCE RECORD DONATION AT PARIS  
CONFERENCE

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1. (SBU) Pol/Econoff shared reftel points with Juri Kahn, Division Director for Middle East Affairs at the Estonian Ministry of Foreign Affairs. On December 12, Kahn responded that the Government of Estonia plans to announce a pledge of USD 1 million in assistance to the Palestinians at the Paris Donor's conference. This will be the largest monetary donation Estonia has ever made. Kahn explained that the GOE considers the U.S. Annapolis initiative and its follow up, the Paris Donor's conference efforts to support the Middle East Peace Process, as a 'unique opportunity to help all sides find a solution to this long-term regional conflict.' Kahn also stated that Estonian Foreign Minister, Urmas Paet, will represent the GOE at the conference.

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